

## Maui County Arborist Committee

### Meeting Minutes September 14, 2016

1. Call to order at 1:42 pm when it was determined that a quorum was present.
2. Public Testimony—Gina Flammer of the Kula Community Association testified in support of the Kula School Park planting. She invited suggestions on how their members could help with the project. The request for more trees in the park was made seven years ago. Members are happy to see the proposal come to fruition. The organization will help recruit volunteers.
3. The draft of the minutes of August 10, 2016 was reviewed by those present. Spelling corrections were made. The minutes were approved with the corrections by unanimous vote in a motion made by Heather Heath and seconded by Mark Dobbertin.
4. Old business—
  - a. The Kula School Park planting proposal is moving forward with a modified plan put forth by the County Arborist. He has indicated ten suitable locations per his evaluation. The Committee and KCA sees this as a first phase in planning for more trees. Not having any trees to shade the picnic tables is frustrating to the community as it means that the tables are not used due to the hot sun. Something like an ohia tree that is slow growing could be planted in the location. Heather Heath was disappointed not to be included in the meeting with David and the District Supervisor, Billy Amoral. She has two koa that are at her Grandmother's property upcountry that she is willing to donate to the project. The source of funds to pay for the cost of the trees has yet to be determined.
  - b. No information was forwarded to report on Front Street planters in Lahaina.
5. New Business
  - a. Heather moved and Chris Reynolds seconded an agenda change to allow the request for tree pruning to be heard next. The motion passed unanimously.
  - b. Permission to prune plumeria at Kuau Bayview subdivision. Darlene Brothers and Luba Reeves of the Kuau Bayview Homeowners' Association came to request that a branch be removed from a street tree. The branch blocks neighborhood access to the adjacent park. According to MC 12:24A, 6. *The committee shall identify to the director of parks and recreation any areas within the county where there are no abutting owners to maintain street trees and where the county should maintain or beautify such trees.* The neighbors have made multiple contacts with various county officials. The committee's review is a means to address the safety of the route while keeping the tree in place and in keeping the tree healthy. Heather made a motion with a second by Chris to send a letter to the director of parks recommending that parks personnel be allowed to remove the one branch. The description and picture of said tree will be included with the letter.
6. Subcommittee reports
  - a. Arbor Week, 2016—Norman Nagata was voted as honorary chair for his street tree planting at Maui College. Mark made the motion which was seconded by Alex Haller. The theme for Arbor Week could focus on street trees or the use of native plants in landscapes. Members were asked to give additional thought to the theme. They were advised to email suggestions to Sue Kiang.
7. Return to New business

- a. Ways to create incentives for tree planting based on the Vancouver WA urban forestry plan were discussed. Those present remembered the work done by Councilman Bob Carroll. He had drafted ordinances related to tree removal and parking lots. Members would like to revisit those.
8. Chairman's report— Kimberly reinforced the need to prune the silver buttonwoods. Sue will coordinate Mark's time to provide training to all those interested in parks. Kim reminded members that there continues to be a vacancy on the committee. If someone knows of an interested individual, let Sue know and she will follow up.
9. Arborist report—None was given as the Arborist was not present.
10. Agenda development—Tree concerns – parking lot at Tambura's, Kihei (Malina), irrigation at Kahului Community Park (Myrter), street trees (Heath); Kula School Park planting; theme for Arbor Week.
11. Announcements—**next meeting of the Arborist Committee is scheduled for October 12 at 1:30 pm in the parks conference room.** The Arbor Week subcommittee will meet at 12:30 pm on the same date and location.  
Maui Electric - Nov. 19 10 am to 2 pm; test drive an electric car at 210 W. Kamehameha Av.
12. Meeting adjourned at 3:28 pm.

Those present: Kimberly Thayer, Chris Reynolds, Heather Heath, Mark Dobbertin, Alex Haller, members of the committee; Elaine Malina and Barbara Fernandez, Maui Green & Beautiful; Pat Tratebas, member of the public; Gina Flammer and Jasee Law, Kula Community Association; Darlene Brothers and Luba Reeves, Kuau Bayview Homeowners Association; Sue Kiang, staff support to the committee; David Sakoda, County Arborist; excused members Bill Myrter and Casey Foster.

Drafted by Sue Kiang 9/28/16

Approved as amended by unanimous vote 10/12/16